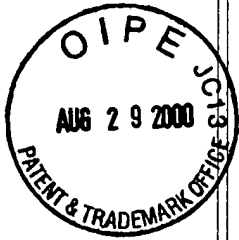


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Jonathan A. Ellman, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/534,706

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For: METHODS FOR TREATING  
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS  
USING ASPARTYL PROTEASE  
INHIBITORS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 15, line 1, delete "13,".

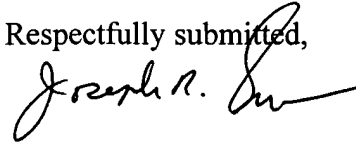
Claim 33, line 1, delete "31,".

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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